

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

First-Class Mail and Periodicals  
Service Standard Changes, 2021

Docket No. N2021-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING EXCUSING POSTAL SERVICE FROM  
ANSWERING PORTIONS OF DFC/USPS-T1-15

(Issued May 10, 2021)

On May 7, 2021, the Commission appointed the undersigned as the Presiding Officer in Docket No. N2021-1.<sup>1</sup> The Commission tasked the Presiding Officer with managing the procedures in Docket No. N2021-1, including resolving discovery disputes. Order No. 5888 at 1-2.

On May 3, 2021, intervenor Douglas F. Carlson propounded the following interrogatory (labelled DFC/USPS-T1-15) on Postal Service witness Robert Cintron:<sup>2</sup>

Please provide an overview of the air transportation network for First-Class Mail, Priority Mail, and Priority Mail Express that describes the air carriers that serve each mail class and the approximate proportion of the total volume that is allocated to each carrier.

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<sup>1</sup> Order Designating Presiding Officer, May 7, 2021 (Order No. 5888).

<sup>2</sup> See Douglas F. Carlson Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents to United States Postal Service Witness Robert Cintron (DFC/USPS-T1-1-15), May 3, 2021.

On May 6, 2021, the Postal Service moved to be excused, in part, from answering the interrogatory.<sup>3</sup> The Postal Service responds that the interrogatory, insofar as it requests information pertaining to Priority Mail and Priority Mail Express, is not relevant to evaluate the Postal Service proposed service changes for First-Class Mail and Periodicals. Motion at 2.

The Presiding Officer concurs; the information sought pertaining to Competitive products unaffected by the Postal Service's proposal, and how those products move through the air transportation network is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. See 39 C.F.R. 3020.116(a).

The Postal Service is excused from answering those portions of interrogatory DFC/USPS-T1-15 that pertain to Competitive products.

#### RULING

The Motion of the United States Postal Service to be Excused in Part From Responding to Douglas F. Carlson's Interrogatory DFC/USPS-T1-15, filed May 6, 2021, is granted.

Christopher Laver  
Presiding Officer

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<sup>3</sup> Motion of the United States Postal Service to be Excused in Part From Responding to Douglas F. Carlson's Interrogatory DFC/USPS-T1-15, May 6, 2021 (Motion).